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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION) Examiner: Lerner, Avraham H.
Serial Number: 10/722,258) Art Unit: 3611
Filed: November 25, 2003)
For: INVERTED TYPE FRONT FORK IN TWO-)
WHEELED VEHICLE OR THE LIKE)
Docket Number: 13679)

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 20, 2004

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated June 18, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire September 18, 2004. September 18, 2004 was a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on September 20, 2004.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated in the section entitled Claim Amendments.